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India – Firefinder Weapon Locating Radar

On 25 February, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to India of Firefinder weapon locating radars. The package consists of eight AN/TPQ-37 Firefinder Weapon locating systems and associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$146 Million.

The Government of India has requested a possible sale of eight AN/TPQ-37(V)3 FIREFINDER counter-battery artillery radar sets with related equipment, 26 AN/VRC-90E SINCGAR radios, generators, trailers, communications equipment, Global Position Systems, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$146 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in South Asia.

These radar sets will provide an increase in counter-battery artillery capability consistent with India's force planning and defense strategy. India needs these SINCGARS radio systems to fulfill their strategic commitments for complete communicative interoperability and standardization of equipment and to be able to communicate with their various vehicles and U.S. forces. India will have no difficulty absorbing these radar sets into their armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be the Raytheon Hughes Aircraft Corporation of El Segundo, California and ITT Company of Fort Wayne, Indiana. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

When the radar sets arrive, implementation of this proposed sale will require three U.S. contractor representatives for one month. Up to eight U.S. Government Quality Assurance representatives will be required for one week following delivery of the radar sets. The specific requirements for the support will be established during program definition between representatives of the United States Government and India.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale. This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.